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Amendments

Please amend the Claims as follows:

- 1 1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of using a data processing system for
2 processing travelers crossing international borders, comprising:
3 a) prior to the time of travel, allowing an authorized enrollment representative to
4 employ ~~employing~~ the data processing system to enroll a traveler to utilize an
5 automated check-in process after an the authorized enrollment representative verifies
6 that the traveler is eligible to make an international border crossing; and
7 b) at the time of travel, utilizing the automated check-in process to ~~complete~~
8 enable crossing of the International border, ~~crossing~~ which may then be completed
9 without aid of human intervention.

- 1 2. **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 1, wherein step a) includes:
2 obtaining an image of a travel document; and
3 comparing the image to an image on file with an enrollment official.

- 1 3. **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 2, wherein
2 the step of obtaining the image includes scanning the travel document to obtain a
3 digital image; and
4 the step of comparing the image includes comparing the digital image to a digital
5 image on file with the enrollment official.

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1 4. **(Original)** The method of Claim 3, wherein the travel document is selected from
2 the group consisting of passports and Official Travel Documents (OTDs).

1 5. **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 2, wherein step a) includes
2 collecting unique identification indicia from the traveler for use in performing
3 identification verification on a day of travel.

1 6. **(Original)** The method of Claim 5, wherein the identification indicia includes
2 biometric data.

1 7. **(Original)** The method of Claim 6, wherein the biometric data is selected from a
2 group consisting of handwriting samples, iris scans, hand or finger geometry, facial
3 scans, facial geometry measurements, hand scans, fingerprint samples, physical
4 measurements, and voice samples.

1 8. **(Original)** The method of Claim 5, wherein the biometric data includes at least
2 two different types of biometric samples.

1 9. **(Original)** The method of Claim 5, and further including storing the identification
2 indicia for use during the automated check-in process.

1 10. **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 9, wherein step b) includes
2 retrieving the stored identification indicia;

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- 3 collecting unique identification indicia from the traveler; and
4 automatically comparing the unique identification indicia to the stored
5 identification indicia to verify identity of the traveler.

- 1 11. **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 10, wherein the retrieving of the
2 stored identification indicia includes:
3 scanning a travel document; and
4 using information on the travel document to retrieve the stored identification
5 indicia.

- 1 12. **(Original)** The method of Claim 10, and further including automatically verifying
2 that the traveler's itinerary qualifies the user to use the automated check-in process.

- 1 13. **(Original)** The method of Claim 10, and further including automatically prompting
2 the traveler to electronically complete at least one questionnaire required for the
3 international border crossing.

- 1 14. **(Original)** The method of Claim 13, and further including checking the at least
2 one completed questionnaire to determine whether the traveler is eligible to utilize an
3 automated clearance process after the international border has been crossed.

- 1 15. **(Original)** The method of Claim 10, and further including automatically printing
2 documents to allow the traveler to embark on the international border crossing.

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1 16. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the automated check-in process is
2 performed on a self-service kiosk.

1 17. **(Previously amended)** The method of Claim 1, and including performing one or
2 more automated checks to determine whether the traveler poses any risk to a country of
3 destination.

1 18. **(Original)** The method of Claim 17, wherein the checks are selected from the
2 group consisting of a criminal check, a terrorist check, an agricultural check, and an
3 immigration check.

1 19. **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 17, and further including, at the
2 country of destination, utilizing an automated clearance process to allow the traveler to
3 enter the country.

1 20. **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 19, wherein the automated
2 clearance process includes:
3 verifying the identity of the traveler;
4 obtaining results of the one or more automated checks;
5 if any of the one or more automated checks failed, requiring the traveler to
6 undergo a manual clearance process; and

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7 if all of the automated checks passed, allowing the user to enter the country of
8 destination without undergoing the manual clearance process.

1 21. **(Original)** The method of Claim 20, and further including enabling an automated
2 exit gate to allow a user to enter the country of destination.

1 22. **(Previously Amended)** The method of Claim 10, wherein the step of storing the
2 identification indicia includes creating a secure token storing the identification indicia.

1 23. **(Previously Amended)** A system for performing automated processing of a
2 traveler crossing an international border, comprising:
3 a data processing system to allow an authorized enrollment representative, prior
4 to a day of travel, to verify that the traveler is eligible to cross the international border,
5 and to thereafter enroll the traveler to use an automated check-in procedure; and
6 a first user interaction system coupled to the data processing system to provide
7 the automated check-in procedure that automatically initiates activities necessary to
8 allow the traveler to cross the international border without human intervention on the
9 day of travel.

1 24. **(Original)** The system of Claim 23, and further including a second user
2 interaction system coupled to the data processing system to provide an automated
3 clearance procedure that automatically initiates activities necessary to allow the traveler

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4 to enter a country of destination after the international border has been crossed.

1 25. **(Original)** The system of Claim 24, wherein at least one of the first and the
2 second user interaction systems are self-service kiosks.

1 26. **(Original)** The system of Claim 24, wherein at least one of the first and the
2 second user interaction systems includes at least one biometric reader to read biometric
3 samples from the traveler.

1 27. **(Original)** The system of Claim 24, wherein at least one of the first and the
2 second user interaction systems includes a scanner to scan travel documents.

1 28. **(Original)** The system of Claim 24, wherein the first user interaction system
2 obtains data from the traveler that is required to allow entry into the country of
3 destination.

1 29. **(Original)** The system of Claim 28, wherein at least one of the data processing
2 system and the first user interaction system includes means for checking the data to
3 determine whether the traveler is allowed to utilize the second user interaction system
4 to complete the automated clearance procedure.

1 30. **(Original)** The system of Claim 29, wherein at least one of the data processing
2 system and the first and second user interaction systems includes means to initiate

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3 automated checks to determine whether the traveler poses any threat to the country of
4 destination.

1 31. **(Currently Amended)** A system for managing the crossing of an international
2 border by a traveler, comprising:

3 enrollment means for allowing an authorized travel representative to
4 enroll the traveler in an automated travel process after ~~an~~ the enrollment
5 representative manually verifies the traveler is eligible to enter one or more countries;
6 and

7 automated user interface means for allowing the user to participate in the
8 automated travel process that completes all activities required for entry into any of the
9 one or more countries without the need for human intervention at the time of travel.

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2 32. **(Original)** The system of Claim 31, wherein the automated user interface
3 means includes:

4 first means for automatically performing check-in activities before crossing
5 the border; and

6 second means for automatically performing clearance activities after
7 crossing the border.